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Professional Experience

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Seattle, Washington and Anchorage, Alaska

December 2000 - present

Series: GS-408, Ecologist

Clean Water Act Enforcement Specialist (2004-present)

Conduct National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater inspections at permitted and unpermitted facilities. Assist facilities with NPDES compliance efforts. Evaluate noncompliance events for potential enforcement, including monetary penalties. Lead settlement negotiations with facility representatives. Respond to citizen inquiries and complaints. Review federal and state NPDES permits. Oversee the implementation of two consent decrees.

- Case lead for judicial settlements with Trident Seafoods Corporation and the City of Palmer.
- Served as team lead for the seafood sector within Alaska for six years.
- Interface with congressional and other political offices.
- Coordinate with other EPA programs and with external agencies regarding compliance and enforcement efforts.
- OCE lead for both the Alaska and Idaho NPDES delegation efforts.
- Served as a government witness during a criminal case in Alaska.

Remedial Project Manager - Portland Harbor (2000-2004)

Co-managed a Superfund project for the cleanup of approximately six miles of industrial waterfront along the lower Willamette River in Portland, Oregon. Stakeholders included the Port of Portland, City of Portland, seven private entities, natural resource trustees (including six tribes), the State of Oregon, and the general public.

- Provided technical oversight and approval for implementation of a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) in compliance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).
- Advised the State of Oregon and responsible parties on source control for elimination of hazardous substances entering the river.
- Assisted the City of Portland in developing a management strategy to minimize recontamination from combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and storm water outfalls along the river.
- Coordinated with EPA risk assessors and hydrogeologists on technical considerations and with the Office of Regional Counsel on enforcement issues.

National Priorities List Coordinator (2000-2004)

Coordinated the region-wide National Priorities List (NPL) and hazard ranking system (HRS) activities in Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington. Participated with EPA headquarters on national policy issues and implemented guidance within the four-state region.

- Managed contractors in the development of HRS packages for candidate NPL sites and provide principal review of these packages.
- Responded to public comments received during 60-day comment period subsequent to proposal of an NPL site.
- Advised site assessment managers and EPA contractors on technical and procedural requirements of the HRS and potential NPL listing.
- Reviewed and verified HRS site scores for site assessment managers.
- Informed general public and media on HRS scoring process and procedures to place sites on the NPL.

Ecology and Environment, Inc.

Seattle, Washington

Project Manager/Hazard Ranking System Coordinator

Managed site assessment investigations. Coordinated all HRS related work for the Region 10 Superfund Technical Assistance and Response Team contract. Authored U.S. EPA reports. Communicated with land owners, citizens, and local agencies regarding project status and results. Managed budget and personnel issues. Prepared NPL documentation packages. Served as health and safety officer during site activities, which included monitoring real time exposure of contaminants to field personnel. Performed peer review and quality assurance on documents submitted to the U.S. EPA. Conducted HRS training to company employees. Managed field personnel while collecting groundwater, surface water, sediment, soil, and air samples.

Dyncorp I&ET, Inc.

Alexandria, Virginia

Environmental Scientist

Performed quality assurance on candidate NPL site records. Authored responses to public comments for sites proposed to the NPL. Completed quality control on partial deletion packages (documentation that regions submit as the basis for deleting a portion of a site) for NPL sites. Assisted in the preparation of the Superfund NPL assessment program database for proposed and final NPL updates.

Education

Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice

University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska

Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Science and Policy

Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts